## Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the paragraphs beginning on page 3, line 2 through page 5, line 12.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph;

- -- In accordance with another one aspect of the present invention there is provided a computer program that when programmed in a computer causes the computer to provide the steps of:
- a) forming a 1<sup>st</sup> machine-readable indicia in an image layer on a media;
- b) forming a 2<sup>nd</sup> machine-readable indicia in a protective overlayer that is identical in content to, and in register with the 1<sup>st</sup> machine-readable indicia.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

- --In accordance with yet another aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of reading a media having indicia formed in a protective overlayer, the indicia having a physical topography that represents a machine-readable code comprising the steps of:
- a) reading the physical topography of the indicia by a machine so as to obtain information encoded therein, and
- b) interpreting the encoded information so as to obtain the information.--